The steps taken by Government for effective and speedy enforcement of IPRs, *inter-alia,* include sensitization of police and customs personnel, creation of IPR awareness among users and general public and creation of separate cells in State police headquarters.

Revamping of FIPB system of approvals

3111. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to streamline and revamp the FIPB system of foreign investments in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that henceforth the meetings will be organised through the PMO;

(c) if so, by when it is likely to come into operation; and

(d) whether this streamlining will benefit the applicants; and if so, in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) Simplification of the approval mechanism is a continuous process and several steps have been taken in that direction, which, *inter-alia* include placing most activities on the automatic route, announcement of transparent guidelines for consideration of foreign direct investment proposals by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) and a 30-day time frame for communicating Government decisions on FIPB proposals.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.